

# General Plan Update - Progress to Date and Next Steps

he City's two-year process of updating its General Plan is underway. The General Plan is the City's guiding policy document for future planning and development decisions related to land use, community design, transportation, public services, and resource conservation.

In August 2012, the City Council selected De Novo Planning Group to serve as the primary consultant for the General Plan Update ("GPU") project.

Next, the public participation portion of the project was initiated with a series of four "visioning" workshops, which provided an overview of the project and process, and gave residents opportunities to express what they see for Brentwood's future vision, key assets and challenges.

In addition, the consultant and City staff have been working together to prepare an important document that will be used as the foundation and technical framework for the GPU. This document, known as the Existing Conditions Report, will provide background information on a variety of topics specific to Brentwood, including the identification of development patterns, natural resources, socio-economic conditions, and environmental constraints. This report will be available on the project website upon completion.

Finally, the City Council appointed a Working Group, which is expected to meet on a monthly (or as-needed) basis, and will be involved in developing various goals, policies, land use alternatives, and circulation modes, as well as discussing priority issues for the General Plan. These meetings will be open to the public, and the community is encouraged to participate.

Some of the next critical steps in the process include preparation of the Opportunities and Constraints Report, a Land Use Alternatives Report, and a Fiscal Analysis. Following completion of these reports, two community workshops will be held to provide an overview of the visioning process, issues and opportunities, constraints, results of community surveys, and present land use alternatives.

For more information: Community Development (925) 516-5405 or www.brentwood.generalplan.org

## Report It! – A Free Smartphone Application for City Work Requests

Have you seen a City maintenance-related issue that should be reported? Submit a work request via a smartphone. A free smartphone application is available for Android and iPhone users (the Blackberry application is forthcoming). Android users can download the application through the Play Store and iPhone users through the App Store. Search the application by typing "Brentwood Report It" and click "Download." Residents can attach a photo, audio or video file when submitting a request.

For more information:

Public Works/Operations: (925) 516-6000

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## Police Services Online

he Brentwood Police Department is committed to providing convenient services to the community, two of which are "Online Reporting" of low-level crimes, and "Vacation Watch." Both are offered on the City of Brentwood website, under Police Services: <a href="http://www.brentwoodca.gov/department/pd/index.cfm">http://www.brentwoodca.gov/department/pd/index.cfm</a>.

The types of crimes that may be reported online include, but are not limited to: petty theft, grand theft, vandalism, lost property, hit-and-run, and annoying phone calls. The crime reported must meet these guidelines: the reporting person must be the victim; the crime/incident must have

occurred within the city limits of Brentwood; and there must not be any suspect information. Exceptions are specified on the webpage. If a report does not meet the guidelines, please call our communication center at (925) 778-2441 and an officer will be dispatched to take a report personally, or citizens may visit our police facility in person at 9100 Brentwood Blvd.

Vacation Watch requests for extra patrol for homes or businesses during absences (as resources allow) may also be submitted online.

For more information: Police (925) 634-6911

## Veterans Park Universal Abilities Playground Now Open

he highly anticipated Universal Abilities Playground at Veterans Park opened on February 1. This custom designed, pirate-themed playground serves children of all ages and abilities. Some features include multi-color rubberized



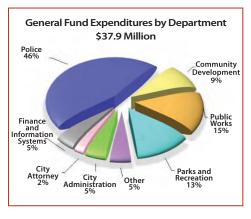
accessible Merry-Go-All, a "Rockin Raft," and much more. Hundreds of people enjoyed the grand opening celebration hosted by the City of Brentwood and the Special Kids Foundation.

surfacing, wheelchair ramps, interactive panels, an

For more information: Parks & Recreation (925) 516-5444

## The 2012/13 - 2013/14 Operating Budget

he City's adopted 2012/13-2013/14 Operating Budget includes a balanced General Fund and maintains reserves of 30%. Every six months the City conducts a formal review of the City's fiscal condition and brings forth proposed adjustments to the City Council for review. The latest review of year-to-date activity and projections performed in December 2012 noted



revenues and expenditures are performing largely as expected with only minor adjustments recommended. On January 8, 2013, the Council approved the recommended adjustments to the budget.

For more information: Finance & Information Systems (925) 516-5460



# Light Emitting Diode ("LED") Street Light Conversion Project

he LED Street Light Conversion Project will replace approximately 565 high pressure sodium ("HPS") lights with LED lights on Balfour Rd., Fairview Ave., Sand Creek Rd. and Walnut Blvd. To date, the installation is completed on Balfour Road and will continue on the remaining streets in the coming months.

The City utilized a zero-interest loan from PG&E to pay for the construction costs, which will be repaid with the realized energy savings. There will also be additional savings from reduced maintenance and replacement requirements for these new lights. The new LED lights use approximately 40–50% less energy and have a much longer lifespan than their HPS counterpart.

For more information: Public Works/Engineering (925) 516-5420

## Neighborhood Clean-up Events - Coming Soon

Residents of Brentwood with an active garbage collection account are invited to participate in the City's Neighborhood Clean-up Events. Residents can bring unwanted household items including yard waste, appliances, e-waste (TVs, computers, etc.), furniture, and garbage, all free-of-charge to the City's Solid Waste Transfer Station. The events will be held in April/May and September/October and drop-off days and times are determined by address. Invitations will be mailed to residents 3-4 weeks in advance of the event for their street. Residents can also visit the City's website and submit their street name to find their event date.

For more information: Solid Waste (925) 516-6090

#### **Under Construction**

#### **Capital Improvement Projects:**

- Solid Waste Transfer Station at the City Corporation Yard currently under construction. Expected completion: fall 2013
- LED Street Light Conversion Phase I: converting existing lights to LED lights along Balfour Rd., Walnut Blvd., Sand Creek Rd., and Fairview Ave. Expected completion: May 2013
- PG&E Gas Line Replacement along Fairview Ave. from Lone Tree Way to southerly City limits under construction. Expected completion: fall 2013
- Los Nogales Improvements: landscape improvements on west side of Walnut Blvd. between FoodMaxx and McClarren Rd. Construction expected to start in spring 2013. Expected completion: summer 2013
- PMP 2013 Slurry Seal construction expected to start in June 2013. Expected completion: summer 2013

#### **Developer Projects:**

- The Developer of Prewett Ranch located north of Grant St. and west of Brentwood Blvd. is currently working on park and trail improvements within the subdivision. Grading of Phase V and VI will begin this spring. Expected completion: summer 2014
- The Developer of the Grove at Sunset Court is constructing a 54-unit apartment complex on the east side of Brentwood Blvd. between Havenwood Ave. and Sunset Court, and is currently installing underground utilities. Expected completion: early 2014

#### **Regional Transportation Projects:**

- State Route 4/Sand Creek Road interchange and widening from Lone Tree Way to just south of San Jose Ave. under construction. Expected completion: March 2014
- State Route 4 Widening includes various widening projects from Loveridge Rd. to State Route 160 under construction. Expected completion: early 2014.

For more information: Public Works/Engineering (925) 516-5420

## Dedication Tree and Recognition Leaf Program

Dedicating a tree can be a unique way of honoring those who hold a special place in our hearts, or marking a milestone in our lives. The Dedication Tree and Recognition Leaf Program was created many years ago to allow citizens this opportunity. The cost is \$250 per tree, and includes an engraved leaf on a beautiful Donor Recognition

Tree places. Since the program was established staff has been waiting for completion of



Tree plaque. Since the program was established, staff has been waiting for completion of the new Community Center to permanently place the plaque, which can now be seen in the reception lobby.

For more information: Parks & Recreation (925) 516-5444

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#### FREE EVENTS

The first **Movie in the Park** to be shown this season will be *The Sandlot on Friday*, *April 26 at 8:00 p.m.* 

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in City Park. Bring a lawn chair, a blanket, and picnic dinner and enjoy this free event. Also, mark your calendar for the next Movie in the Park on October 25.

For more information: Parks & Recreation (925) 516-5444 A "Rodeo Roundup" will be held in the Brentwood Community Center from 4-5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 26. This free family event, featuring "Cowgirl Jessie" delighting children with stories and magic, is geared for children up to age five. No pre-registration is necessary; just grab a partner and come on down.

For more information: Parks & Recreation (925) 516-5444

#### **PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE**

ational Public Works Week (NPWW) celebrates the tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as "public works." The City's Public Works Department oversees the operation and maintenance of the City's domestic water system (supply, treatment, and distribution) and wastewater system (collection and treatment); maintains the streets, storm drainage system, creeks, fleet, and facilities; and provides garbage collection

and recycling services. *The City will celebrate NPWW* by hosting a public Open House, Tuesday, May 21, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. There will be equipment demonstrations as well as information on water conservation, recycling, and a backhoe competition. The Public Works Corporation Yard is located at 2201 Elkins Way, just off Sunset Road.

For more information: Public Works/Operations (925) 516-6000

#### **Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Events**

Free household hazardous waste only (oil, batteries, paints, etc.) drop-off events are scheduled: May 11 in Oakley (DuPont Parking Lot, 6000 Bridgehead Road); June 15 in Discovery Bay (Discovery Bay Elementary School, 1700 Willow Lake Road); and October 5 in Brentwood (Solid Waste Transfer Station, 2300 Elkins Way), from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. These events are open to all East County residents with proof of residency, such as a driver's license or utility bill.

For more information: Solid Waste (925) 516-6090 or www.ddsd.org

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